

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 21-44 are pending for consideration by the Examiner. Claims 1-20 are canceled by this Amendment and claims 26-44 are added by this Amendment.

The Examiner has required election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a container handling apparatus.
- II. Claims 13-20, drawn to a method of reconditioning a container handling apparatus.
- III. Claims 21-25, drawn to a conveyor assembly.

The Applicants hereby elect invention III, claims 21-25, without traverse. In addition to making this election, the Applicants have also added new claims 26-44. As new claims 26-44 are also drawn to a conveyor assembly, consideration of these claims with claims 21-25 is appropriate.

Claims 1-20 are canceled with leave for filing continuing applications in the future.

The Examiner has also required the election of a species of Figures for prosecution on the merits. The Applicants hereby elect the species illustrated in Figs. 1-5 for prosecution on the merits. Claims 21-44 are all readable on the species illustrated in Figs. 1-5. The Applicants also assert that claims 21-44 read on both remaining species as well (Figs. 6-8 and Figs. 9-10, respectively), making them generic to all species.

Should the Examiner wish to contact a representative of the Applicants to discuss this Response, the undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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